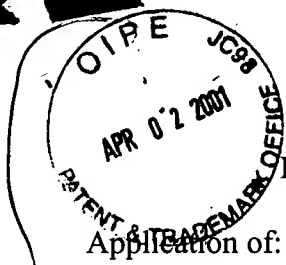


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Application of: )  
DENNIS MAPLES et al )  
Serial No.: 09/419,856 )  
Filed: October 19, 2000 )  
For: LOW SMOKE, LOW TOXICITY )  
CARPET )  
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Responsive to the Office Action of December 1, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and 12-16 and insert claims 17-40.

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17. A low smoke, fire resistant carpet comprising:

carpet fibers adhered to a carpet backing including a polymeric binder having fire retardant components dispersed therein;

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said fire retardant components being present in a major proportion by weight in the polymeric binder and permitting the carpet to meet aircraft flammability, smoke generation and toxic gas emission standards;

said fire retardant components comprising at least a fire retardant spumescent, a catalyst, and a char former;

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